

Kauai Testimony Ballot Regarding Hawaii Humpback Whale Sanctuary Proposed Expansion

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- ☐ Reduce size
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Comments: _____

Additional
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To those that think they are in charge:

There is no need to create a new sanctuary on Kauai and Niihau!!!! The whale population is plentiful and already protected with rules and regulations. The greatest enemy of the whales in the Hawaiian waters is the navy and their unregulated use of sonar!! A sanctuary will not stop them from practicing their art of war on man kind and the planet.

Turtles are also protected and very plentiful. They do need help, a lot of them are covered with tumors from polluted water from agricultural run-off, chemicals from golf courses & swimming pools on the waterfront and sewage treatment plants injecting gray-water that is contaminated with untreated sewage water, bleach, chlorine, and phosphates from laundry-mats that go directly in to underground streams and lava tubes that flow onto our near shore waters and coral reefs.

The first forty years of my life i never saw a monk seal on Kauai and now it is a common thing to see them on the beaches surrounded by people. They too are protected with rules and regulations.

The bottom line is, a new sanctuary on Kauai and Niihau will only further take away our cultural rights as human beings to provide food for our families and nourishment for body mind and souls.

A very concerned Islander, Ned

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Comments: go to the Real Problem

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Comments: Stop Sewage Plants from
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Comments: The Vision should stop

The Political B.S.

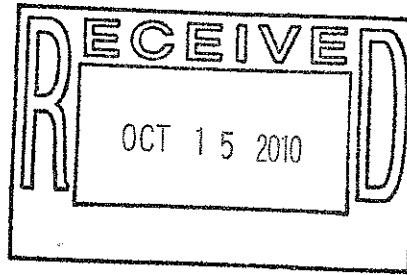
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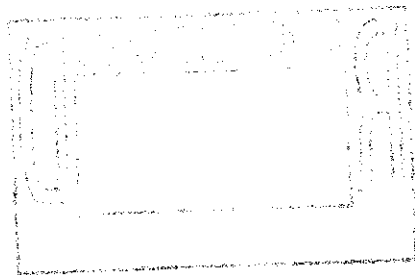
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Comments: We should be able to catch sea turtles again, but regulate to a few months each year just like the lobster seasons

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Comments: You seem to protect the monk Seals
more than we Hawaiians are being
protected why?

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Comments: I've been fishing these shorelines
here from Kealia to Hanalei North shore
my Dad and brother since 1957 and never
had these problems with Monk seals and
Dolphins. But we used to eat the sea
turtles back then, and use to drink the
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So please think about it.

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Comments: I feel that once you can set a
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are sure expand and we will lose all
of our fish area

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Comments: Do not take away our food resources
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and it include the ocean that we using
right now for our food on our tables

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Comments: If the current laws and re-
gulating that we have now are working,
then keep it, but there's no need to be
adding or piling anymore laws and
regulations.

Additional

Comments:

*It's not everybody that breaks
or goes against your laws, but there
are a few. But don't Punish ~~use~~ us
for their stupidity and senselessness.
We would still like to enjoy our
shorelines and beaches for fishing
and family outing and fun, and to
teach the younger generation to do it
the right way.*

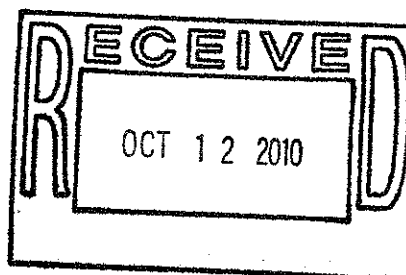
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what are underwater Hawaiian
Cultural heritage. This needs more
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more enforcement is
needed of all the present rules
More Hawaiians on the D.A.R. board.
Review the "Kapu System" it worked
& is sustainable

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Spend our Fed \$ for more
enforcement. Enforcement officers in
other states (Alaska, Oregon) are not DLNR.
They are State Police & they do a good
Job. Punish the landowners that
allow sitting & toxic effluent into
the Ocean (Robinson Sugar & Shrimp farm).
We have the rules in place to protect
marine ~~mammals~~ mammals by international
Law. Just cut out the punishment for taking
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